



Rhode Island Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908-5097
Regulatory Agenda – 15 January 2014

PART I - Rules Promulgated 16 June 2013 through 15 January 2014:

	<i>ERLID #</i>	<i>Type Filing</i>	<i>Title of Regulation</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
1.	7287	Amendment	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Embalmers, Funeral Directors, and Funeral Service Establishments	9 Jul 2013
2.	7305	Adoption	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Rhode Island All-Payer Claims Database	9 Jul 2013
3.	7289	Amendment	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Practices and Procedures Before the Rhode Island Department of Health	9 Jul 2013
4.	7288	Adoption	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Access to Public Records of the Rhode Island Department of Health	9 Jul 2013
5.	7293	Amendment	Rules and Regulations for Licensing Speech Pathologists and Audiologists	9 Jul 2013
6.	7291	Amendment	Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Nursing Facilities	9 Jul 2013
7.	7387	Adoption	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment	29 Sep 2013
8.	7352	Repeal	Poison Prevention Packaging Act Regulations	24 Sep 2013
9.	7477	Repeal	Rules and Regulations Relating to Quality Assurance Standards for Mammograms	10 Nov 2013
10.	7439	Amendment	Rules and Regulations for the Control of Radiation	5 Jan 2014
11.	7440	Amendment	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health	5 Jan 2014
12.	7034	Amendment	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Reporting of Infectious, Environmental, and Occupational Diseases	5 Jan 2014
13.	7531	Repeal	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Utilization of Unused Prescription Drugs	5 Jan 2014



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PART II - Expected Rule-making Activity 16 January 2014 - 15 June 2014:

	Type Filing	Title/Subject Area of Regulation	Objective	Legal Basis	Anticipated Schedule	Agency Contact Information	Interested Parties
1.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations for the Licensure and Discipline of Physicians	Revise regulations regarding initial application and renewal of physician licenses	RIGL Chapter 5-37	February 2014	James McDonald, MD, Chief Admin Officer BMLD, 401-222-1016 James.McDonald@health.ri.gov	Licensees, professional associations
2.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health	Fee Schedule updates	RIGL Chapter 23-1-17	February 2014	Bill Dundulis, Health Regulations Coordinator, 401-222-7767 Bill.Dundulis@health.ri.gov	Licensees, professional associations
3.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations for School Health Programs	Bring regulations into conformity with statutory changes and general “housekeeping” amendments	RIGL Chapter 16-21	February 2014	Ana Novais, Executive Director of Health, Division of Community, Family Health and Equity, 401-222-1171 Ana.Novais@health.ri.gov	Schools, school nurse-teachers, administrator
4.	Amendment/ Adoption	Rules and Regulations for Pain Management, Controlled Substance Prescribing and the Registration of Distributors of Controlled Substances in Rhode Island	Establish requirements for use of controlled substances in pain management; Update Controlled Substance Registration (CSR) requirements. Existing CSR regulations would be repealed upon promulgation	RIGL Chapter 21-28	March 2014	James McDonald, MD, Chief Admin Officer BMLD, 401-222-1016 James.McDonald@health.ri.gov	Licensees, professional associations
5.	Amendment/ Adoption	Rules and Regulations for Licensing Assisted Living Residences [including new <i>Adult Supportive Care</i> regulations]	Bring regulations into conformity with statutory changes	RIGL Chapter 23-17.4 & 23-17.24	March 2014	Raymond Rusin, Chief, Office of Facilities Regulation, 401-222-2566 Raymond.Rusin@health.ri.gov	Licensees; consumers



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6.	Amendment	FY-2014 State Plan of Operations and Administration of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC and Farmers' Market Services)	Annual updates required by Federal grants which support the program	RIGL Chapter 23-13	March 2014	Ann Barone, Chief, WIC Program 401-222-5960 Ann.Barone@health.ri.gov	WIC clients & vendors
7.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations for the Control of Radiation	Bring regulations into conformity with federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements	RIGL Chapter 23-1.3	March 2014	Raymond Rusin, Chief, Office of Facilities Regulation, 401-222-2566 Raymond.Rusin@health.ri.gov	Licensees, health care facilities, professional associations
8.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations for Bottled Water	Adopt minimum standards for assuring safety of bottled water comparable to those established by U.S. FDA pursuant to 21 CFR 129	RIGL Chapter 21-23	March 2014	June Swallow, PE, Chief, Office of Drinking Water Quality, 401-222-6867 June.Swallow@health.ri.gov	Licensees, consumers
9.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations Governing Vital Statistics	Bring regulations into conformity with statutory changes and general "housekeeping" amendments	RIGL Chapter 23-3	April 2014	Colleen Fontana, State Registrar, Office of Vital Records, 401-222-2811 Colleen.Fontana@health.ri.gov	Local registrars; consumers
10.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations for the Registration of Tanning Facilities	Update regulations to address changes in enabling statute regarding use of tanning facilities by minors.	RIGL Chapter 23-68	April 2014	Raymond Rusin, Chief, Office of Facilities Regulation, 401-222-2566 Raymond.Rusin@health.ri.gov	Licensees, consumers
11.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations for the Registration of Tattoo Artists and Tattoo Parlors	Update regulations to address changes in enabling statute regarding tattooing of minors.	RIGL Chapter 23-1	April 2014	Raymond Rusin, Chief, Office of Facilities Regulation, 401-222-2566 Raymond.Rusin@health.ri.gov	Licensees, consumers



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12.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Licensing of Professional (Registered), Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, and Practical Nurses and Standards for the Approval of Basic Nursing Education Programs	Update regulations to address changes in enabling statute regarding advance practice registered nurses.	RIGL Chapter 5-34	April 2014	Twila Mcinnis, Director of Nursing Registration & Education, 401-222-5700 Twila.Mcinnis@health.ri.gov	Licensees, health care facilities, professional associations
13.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services	Bring regulations into conformity with prevailing standards for EMS	RIGL Chapter 23-4.1	May 2014	Jason Rhodes, Chief, Division of EMS, 401-222-2401 jason.rhodes@health.ri.gov	Licensees, consumers
14.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Hospitals	Bring regulations into conformity with prevailing standards for hospitals; Require hearings as part of license renewal	RIGL Chapter 23-17	May 2014	Raymond Rusin, Chief, Office of Facilities Regulation, 401-222-2566 Raymond.Rusin@health.ri.gov	Licensees, advocates, professional associations
15.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations Pertaining To Public Drinking Water	Bring regulations into conformity with federal EPA drinking water standards	RIGL Chapter 46-13	May 2014	June Swallow, PE, Chief, Office of Drinking Water Quality, 401-222-6867 June.Swallow@health.ri.gov	Public drinking water authorities; consumers
16.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Processing and Distribution of Shellfish	Bring regulations into conformity with federal FDA requirements and general "housekeeping" amendments	RIGL Chapter 21-14	May 2014	Ernest Julian, Ph.D. Chief, Office of Food Protection, 401-222-2749 Ernest.Julian@health.ri.gov	Shellfish producers & processors



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17.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations for the Utilization Review of Health Care Services	Address changes mandated by Affordable Care Act a Bring regulations into conformity with prevailing standards for utilization review.	RIGL Chapter 23-17.12	June 2014	Jay Garrett, Health Policy Analyst, 401-222-4932 Jay.Garrett@health.ri.gov	Licensees, health care providers, health insurance, advocates
18.	Amendment	Rules and Regulations for the Certification of Health Plans	Address changes mandated by Affordable Care Act a Bring regulations into conformity with prevailing standards for managed care.	RIGL Chapter 23-17.13	June 2014	Jay Garrett, Health Policy Analyst, 401-222-4932 Jay.Garrett@health.ri.gov	Licensees, health care providers, health insurance, advocates
19.	Adoption	<i>Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Accountable Care Organizations</i> [Working Title]	Establish standards for “accountable care “of patients – would likely impact hospitals, ambulatory health care facilities, nursing facilities, home health care and ambulance service providers	RIGL Chapter 23-17	June 2014	Raymond Rusin, Chief, Office of Facilities Regulation, 401-222-2566 Raymond.Rusin@health.ri.gov	Licensees, advocates, professional associations

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